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Had the Accident Occurred a Minute Later There Would Have Been an Appalling Loss of Life.

What might have been a most disastrous accident and have cost many persons their lives was narrowly averted on the Prospect Park and Coney Island Railroad early yesterday morning. As it was, one car and the engine left the tracks and bumped along over the ties for a distance of fifty feet, throwing passengers about like so much chaff, slightly injuring one man and tearing up the tracks and demolishing a couple of switches.

The accident occurred in the Brooklyn yard of the road at 8 o'clock. The train was a through one from Coney Island, and consisted of two passenger coaches and the engine. It was in charge of Conductor Michael Dunn, while Engineer Frank Carey was at the throttle.

It left Coney Island at 7:30 o'clock with a full load of passengers. It ran on schedule time to the yard, and was just beginning the up grade that leads to the trestle connecting with the Fifth avenue "L" structure. Suddenly the rails spread, and at the same moment Engineer Carey applied the brakes.

The momentum of the train was very great, however, and the engine and first car went bumping over the ties and swaying from side to side like a ship in a heavy beam sea. Passengers were thrown from their seats into each other's laps; others lost their balance and fell to the floor, where they were trampled on, and all of them—men and women alike—became panic-stricken and began to yell for help.

After the first shock there was a wild rush for the doors, and many people would have been seriously injured had it not been for the coolness of Conductor Dunn and brakeman Phillips. They stood guard at the doors and shouted to the passengers to keep their seats and that there was no danger.

Some of the clearer headed men followed their example, and in a few moments quiet was restored. By this time Engineer Carey had succeeded in stopping the train, and the passengers lost no time in alighting. All of them were more or less shaken up, and a few had received painful bruises, but none severe enough to necessitate medical attendance. They all walked to the Thirty-sixth street station of the Coney Island road, and there took trains for downtown.

The only person who was injured to a sufficient extent to make a report of the matter was Brakeman Phillips. In so doing he had received a severe bruise on his knee, and he was unable to get up until he had been helped.

Had the train struck one minute later than it did, there would have been a great loss of life, as by that time it would have been on the trestle work, and nothing could have prevented it from falling to the street, a distance of about twenty feet.

Immediately after the accident a gang of laborers were put to work, and by noon they had replaced the rails on the trestle, put in new ties and removed all traces of the damage.

TRACK ELEVATION IN NEWARK. Mayor Seymour Wants a General Conference Before Any Action Is Taken.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 1.—Recently the Board of Works suggested that a conference of the Board, the Finance Committee of the Common Council and the Mayor be held for the purpose of taking action on the proposed elevation of steam railroads throughout the city. But it is not likely that the conference will be held, as Mayor Seymour believes the question is too important for a handful of men to dispose of. He has therefore written to the Board stating that no official action should be taken until all the members of the Common Council and the property holders interested are represented either in person or by counsel and that said conference shall be open to all persons who desire to attend the same and present their views on the question.

The Board will act on the Mayor's letter on Thursday.

BODIES GNAWED BY DOGS.

Unknown, Who Blew His Head Off, Partly Eaten by Canines, Who Also Killed Another Man.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 1.—The body of an unknown man was found by Joseph Bosch today in the woods between this city and Rockaway. The top of the head had been blown off, and a gun lay at the feet of the corpse. The stock of the gun rested against a large rock, with the muzzle pointed to the head. A string was tied to the trigger, and passing the back of the butt, had enabled the man to discharge it. The flesh from the waist to the neck had been gnawed away by dogs, whose tracks were seen in the snow. The man had evidently stood up, as the muzzle of the gun at his head, pulled the trigger by a jerk of the cork.

The dead man was about forty years of age. He was five feet ten inches in height, and weighed about 150 pounds. He wore a black suit, blue overcoat, white shirt and gray underclothing. A black derby hat lay near the body. In the pockets were found \$4.55, a box of matches, handkerchief and a razor. The remains were taken to the morgue. From the condition of the body the coroner came to the conclusion that the man had killed himself yesterday.

Arlington, N. J., Dec. 1.—The weary authorities have concluded that the skeleton remains found on the meadows near the Pease C. A. Krebs, who told her that the bones left of the skeleton had been taken to Jersey City, but that the shoes, pocketknife and other articles found with the skeleton could be found in the Kearny Police Court.

The woman was well educated and evidently of means. She told an interesting and pathetic story of a three years' hopeless quest for her husband, who had wandered from their home on Jersey City Heights in 1893 while partially demented from agony due to diabetes.

Justice Krebs sent his visitor to Thomas Adams, who had charge of the articles found on the meadows with the remains. After finding that the shoes and other articles in no way agreed with those worn by her husband when he disappeared, the woman told more of her story. She said that she had been married but two or three years when her husband was attacked by diabetes, from which he suffered terribly. He disappeared one afternoon while walking in the park, and she and family friends spent weeks searching for him, no trace was ever found of the missing man.

She became satisfied, she said, soon after he was missing that he had wandered off and been killed, and ever since then she has investigated every reported case of accidental death. She has journeyed all over the Eastern States, she said, and has found midnight visits to the morgues of many Eastern cities, where she had looked at countless dead, but never a trace had she found of her missing husband.

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SAVED BY THEIR GRANDSON. Aged Couple, Overcome by Coal Gas, Narrowly Escape Death.

Riegsville, N. J., Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ditts, an aged couple, residing near Centerville, were overcome by coal gas in their sleeping room on Sunday night, and were found unconscious by their little grandson, who slept in a room to which the gas had not penetrated.

The boy threw open the windows and summoned the neighbors, and a physician, who was called, succeeded, after three hours' hard work, in bringing the couple to consciousness. The gas escaped from a defective stove.

TROLLEY STIRS UP STRIFE. Personalities Indulged in at a Meeting to Consider a Proposed Franchise.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 1.—A large meeting of interested citizens was held last night in Commonwealth Hall, East Orange, to consider the proposition to grant a franchise to the Consolidated Traction Company to extend its line up Central avenue. All the members of the Township Committee were present.

The meeting was a very lively one, and several of the speakers indulged in personalities not calculated to allay the bitter feeling. A considerable sentiment against using the avenue except as a parkway was manifested, and a number of the speakers scored the traction company for its alleged grasping spirit.

Mr. Mohr, a large real estate owner and speculator, gave out a guarantee that if the trolley road were allowed to extend its line up Central avenue on his tract of land fifty new houses would be erected in two years, to cost not less than \$2,000 each.

The committee will act on the question at a future meeting.

New Store Worked Too Well. Belleville, N. J., Dec. 1.—The home of Mrs. E. Connolly, on William street, caught fire last night from a new stove, which became overheated while the family were in an adjoining room.

When the flames were discovered, Mrs. Connolly grabbed her children and rushed into the street, calling loudly for help. Several citizens ran in and with buckets of water succeeded in extinguishing the fire before much damage had been done.

WEARY WIFE'S LONG SEARCH IN VAIN.

Hunted for Three Years in Eastern Cities for Her Missing Husband.

Paid Midnight Visits to Growsome Morgues, Viewing Countless Dead Bodies.

Never a Trace of Her Loved One Discovered, and Her Last Quest Also Hopeless.

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Bereaved Woman Bursts Into Tears While Relating Her Terrible Experience—Detectives Also Hunted, but Were Equally Unsuccessful.

Arlington, N. J., Dec. 1.—Mrs. August Studenitter, a handsome woman of thirty-two years, visited this place yesterday afternoon to view the skeleton remains found on the Kearny meadows last Saturday morning. She called upon Justice of the Peace C. A. Krebs, who told her that the bones left of the skeleton had been taken to Jersey City, but that the shoes, pocketknife and other articles found with the skeleton could be found in the Kearny Police Court.

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Trolley car No. 103, of the Jersey City, Hoboken & Kutherford Electric Railway Company, while running at a high rate of speed through First street, Hoboken, yesterday morning collided with a truck loaded with flour, at Adams street. The truck, which was owned by Randolph, Paige & Co., of No. 190 West street, New York, was turned completely around and one of the hind axles broken. Joseph Marlin, the driver, of No. 222 West Twenty-ninth street, was thrown from his seat, falling among a number of the flour barrels that had rolled to the street.

Marlin's left arm was broken and his wrist shattered. The car was crowded with passengers, mainly women, on their way to New York. Several of the latter attempted to leap from the car windows, but were restrained by the conductor. The car was damaged, but the motorman escaped injury by flattening himself against the car door.

Gov. Griggs Makes Appointments. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 1.—Gov. Griggs today appointed J. Franklin Fort, of East Orange, as Law Judge of Essex County, Vice Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, recently appointed by President Cleveland as United States District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey. Robert Tuttle, private secretary to the Governor, was commissioned as aide-de-camp on the staff of Brigadier-General P. F. Wanner, of First Brigade, National Guard, New Jersey.



Kuser-Dryden Wedding Attracts Newark's 400.

The Third Presbyterian Church in Newark was crowded with New Jersey notables, including Vice-President-elect Garret A. Hobart and Governor Griggs, yesterday, to witness the marriage of Colonel Anthony R. Kuser and Ssile Fairfield Dryden. Over 1,000 invitations had been issued, and the church was beautifully decorated. The couple will reside in Newark after the return from their honeymoon.

KUSER-DRYDEN WEDDING.

Garret A. Hobart, Gov. Griggs and Others Attend the Most Notable Marriage of the Season.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 1.—New Jersey society, including Vice-President-elect Garret A. Hobart, Governor J. W. Griggs and other notables, attended in large numbers the wedding this afternoon of Miss Ssile Fairfield Dryden, the daughter of John F. Dryden, to Colonel Anthony R. Kuser, of the Governor's staff. The ceremony was solemnized in the Third Presbyterian Church, on Broad street, by the Rev. Dr. A. Nelson. The church, elaborately adorned with plants and flowers, was filled to overflowing, and all who desired, could not gain entrance. It was essentially the wedding of the season.

Upwards of 1,000 invitations were extended to friends and relatives of the Kuser and Dryden families. At each pew bordering the centre aisle was gracefully draped a large bunch of chrysanthemums, fastened with white ribbon. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father. Her wedding gown was of white satin, with a cavorture of duchess lace. She carried orchids and orange blossoms, and Colonel Kuser's coat lapel was adorned with similar flowers. Walter S. Leslie, the best man, wore lilacs-of-the-valley in his boutonniere.

The ceremony was the Episcopal service. At the bride's home, at No. 1020 Broad street, a reception was held after the ceremony. Here an orchestra, under the leadership of Sig. Guglielmo Ricci, of New York, played delightful music, while a collation was served by Delmonico. The bride was assisted in receiving by her mother. After the reception Colonel and Mrs. Kuser started on a wedding tour. They will return after the holidays, and reside at the Dryden home, at No. 1020 Broad street.

Mrs. Hobart, gowned in black corded silk, and Mrs. Griggs, in a gown of green silk, flower design, green velvet coat, Louis XIV. style, with gold embroidered chiffon vest, were prominent among the guests.

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CHILD BRIDE LEFT HIM.

Sixteen-Year-Old Wife Says Her Husband is a Miser—Twenty-six Separates from Sixty-two.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 1.—Christine Lund, the pretty sixteen-year-old wife of Peter Lund, who is thirty-five years of age, deserted her husband to-day, and going to Pastor Jacobson, who married them, asked him in all innocence to grant her a divorce. She was quickly undeceived, but refused to go back to her husband, and is now living with friends. The couple were married four months ago.

The child wife says her husband is a miser, and is so fearful that he will lose some of his hoarded gold that he cannot sleep at night, and roams about the house restlessly, thinking of nothing but his wealth.

Lund is a sober and staid business man who conducts a stationary store and circulating library on Hall avenue, this city. He denies his wife's charges, but says she is not willing to remain home like other wives, but desires to be out enjoying life all the time. He also says that his wife desires a separation that she may marry a young man with whom she is in love. Lund seems heartbroken over his wife's action, and declares his reaction was that he would at any time she chooses to return to him. On her part, she says she will wait two years and then get a divorce.

Rayway, N. J., Dec. 1.—About six months ago John Leary, aged sixty-two, and Katherine Martin, aged twenty-six, were married. To-day they are separated, and this morning the husband appeared as plaintiff against his comely young wife in the local police court. He charged her with attempting to take his life by throwing a lit lamp at him, and also with spurning his affections. He said he tried to kiss her on the occasion she threw the lamp at him.

The young wife has not been living with her aged spouse for several weeks. She denied the lamp throwing episode and said the real reason of her separation was that her husband abused her and allowed her but \$7 a week for household expenses, though he has a shop that returns him a good margin.

The court discharged the young woman amid the applause of the spectators. As she passed her husband on her way out of court he held up the keys of his home in front of her, saying she could take them and return home if she desired, but she swept by him with an angry exclamation that her lawyers would attend to his case.

COLEMAN'S STRANGE ACT.

Many Letters the Long Missing Clergyman Says He Wrote to His Wife Never Received—Much Mystery Still.

Hammonton, N. J., Dec. 1.—The news of the whereabouts of the Rev. G. D. Coleman, which was received in this city yesterday morning, has excited wide interest in this section. The people are now trying to determine the real cause for Mr. Coleman's strange disappearance. He started in the latter which was received by Mrs. Coleman yesterday, that he had written her many letters since he left Hammonton. Not one of these has been received by his wife. In fact, she had heard nothing whatever from him or of him since he was seen on the ferryboat on his way to Philadelphia, and she received his letter.

Coleman also stated in his letter that he went to Mexico in search of work. His friends do not fully understand why he did this, when he was making large sums of money from contributing to several of the leading magazines. They also do not understand why he undertook such a trip with only \$2 in his pocket. He had money deposited in the bank in this city. It is thought by some that his mind might have become affected, for during the campaign Coleman talked of nothing but politics.

He is now superintending the construction of a railroad several miles from the city of Mexico. He stated that the country is in a prosperous condition under free silver. Mrs. Coleman expects to receive a letter from her husband in a few days, giving her more particulars.

LAWYER VALENTINE DEBARRED.

Found Guilty of Deceit and Malpractice in His Profession.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, handed down an opinion yesterday, debaring William E. Valentine from practicing law inside the limits of the State for two years. The charge against him was deceit and malpractice in his profession.

The case against Valentine is that as counsel he advised his client to discontinue the case then before the court. In a subsequent action he set up a claim using the same grounds as appeared in the case which had been discontinued. Charges were brought against him and were referred to ex-Judge George B. Reynolds, who reported adversely to Valentine. This decision was referred to the Appellate Court and confirmed by it.

Valentine was a prominent lawyer in Brooklyn, but is said to be out West at present practicing law.

Life Saving Station in Commission. East Marion, L. I., Dec. 1.—The new life saving station at Rocky Point, west into commission to-day. The crew consists of six men and the station, H. S. Brown. The first tour began at midnight last night. The crew have to cover the distance between Greenport on the west and Orient on the east.

New Park Commissioner Sworn In. Park Commissioner John G. Deltmer, of Brooklyn, went to the City Hall yesterday and was sworn in by the City Clerk. He then went to the Park Department office in Prospect Park and was welcomed by his predecessor, T. L. Woodruff, Lieutenant-Governor-elect.

Ice on the Shrewsbury. Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 1.—A thick coating of ice formed on the North Shrewsbury River last night. This is the earliest the river has ever been frozen over. The mercury registered here this morning at 23.

STRIKE OF PUPILS FAILED TO OCCUR.

Boy Scholars Had Planned a Rebellion, but Their Courage Oozed.

Didn't Like the School Hours and Proposed to Go Out in a Body.

Went to the School Principal to Protest, but Fled in Alarm When They Got There.

NOT A MURMUR AFTER THAT OCCURRENCE.

Boys Confess That They Became Frightened and Didn't Have the Courage to Carry Out Their Bold Intentions.

The boys of the first class of the primary department of Public School No. 12, Jersey City, decided to declare their independence of their teachers on Friday of last week, and go on strike, but they didn't, their courage having oozed at the critical moment.

The hour of dismissal upon Friday afternoon caused the trouble. Formerly the scholars, when a certain percentage was obtained by their class, were dismissed at 2 o'clock each Friday afternoon. Now they are dismissed at the regular hour. On rainy days, however, but one session, lasting from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., is held. The Board of Education believe it better thus than to compel the children to sit out two sessions in wet clothing.

The majority of school boys, however, the boys of No. 12 among them, favored the old way. They would have any cold, caused by sitting in wet clothing, for the sake of that extra hour Friday afternoon. Another cause for dissatisfaction was that the boys did not regard their teacher, Miss Grace Surry, favorably. They wanted a teacher who would not keep them up to their lessons so sharply. While discussing this matter, that of the grievance regarding the dismissal at 2 p. m. on Friday was broached. Last Friday it was decided by the boys to declare their independence. But they didn't, and Miss Maggie Van Winkle, the principal, didn't even know until informed yesterday of the boys' contemplated action.

The idea of the boys was to refuse to attend the afternoon session unless Miss Van Winkle would agree to dismiss them at 2 o'clock. A committee was regularly appointed to first wait upon the principal and learn what could be done before real measures were taken.

The members did, but they didn't state their mission. Neither did they ask that another teacher replace Miss Surry. Instead, they went as far as Miss Van Winkle's room, peered in, then turned and fled back to their comrades. School was dismissed at the regular hour that Friday afternoon, but not a murmur was heard from the strikers, who struck out.

Among those deeply interested in the contemplated strike were Charles S. B. Bentley, and Harry Drayton, of No. 428 Bergen avenue.

Both boys were seen yesterday. Young Snik looked rather sheepish when asked why they didn't strike. "You see," he said at last, "we boys, about twenty in the first class, a few days ago, decided that we would like another teacher. Then we talked over the matter of dismissal at 2 instead of 2 p. m. and the committee waited on Miss Van Winkle. When asked why the committee did not state their grievance to the principal, young Snik hesitated, then said:

"I guess the boys got frightened."

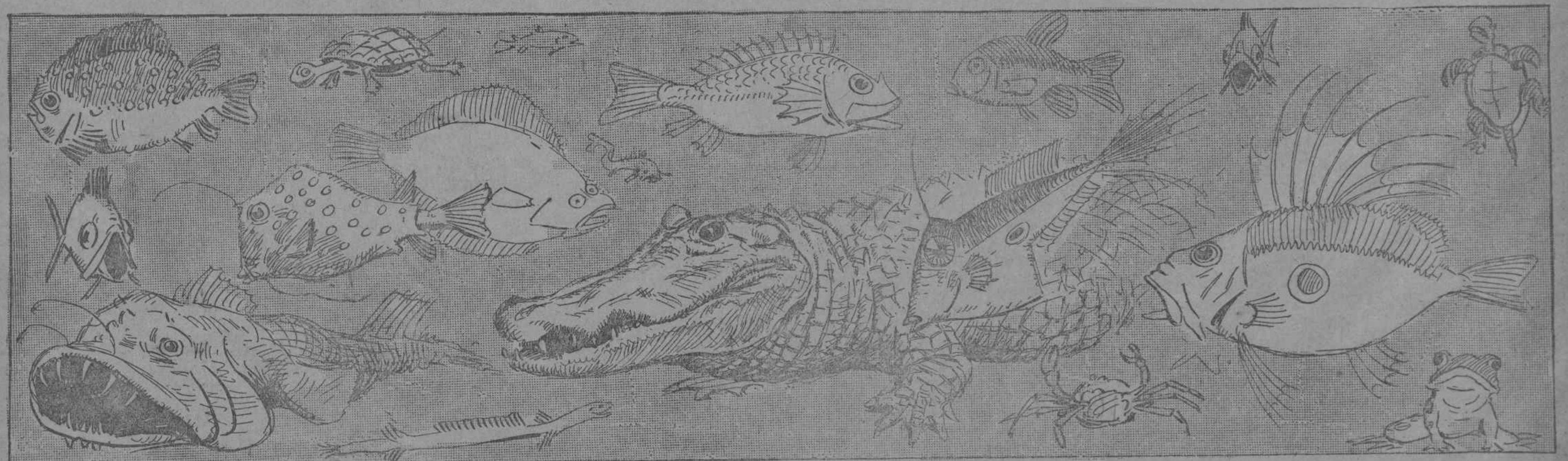
Drayton made substantially the same statement.

Miss Van Winkle laughed yesterday when informed of the stories of the boys leaving the school, etc. It was the first she had heard of the matter, she said. Principal A. D. Joffe, of the grammar department, said the same.

Elizabeth's Hospital Will Be Saved. Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 1.—The new scheme for raising money for the General Hospital is succeeding. Each church has appointed a committee to solicit funds, and several thousand dollars have already been subscribed. The police have also subscribed \$125 a year. It is believed the \$25,000 indebtedness will soon be wiped out.

Good News for Skaters. Newark, N. J., Dec. 1.—The Essex County Park Commission has decided to allow skaters upon the three lakes in Branch Brook Park this winter, and will even go so far as erect suitable shelter on the shores, where the young people may put on or take off their skates.

Some Queer Fish to be Seen by Future Generations When the Aquarium Opens A. D. 2000.



The aquarium, which occupies the old Castle Garden building in Battery Park, will, it is alleged, be thrown open to the inspection of the public next Monday or Tuesday. For three long years a patient populace has awaited this event with bated breath. Like the farewell tours of Adeline Patti, the opening of the great fish tanks has been promised and postponed time and again, until the event has come to be regarded as a fish story.

On Monday Dr. T. H. Bean, the superintendent of the aquarium, notified the Park Board that at last the place was in readiness for the oft-postponed opening. The fishes were in their tanks behaving themselves beautifully, the galleries were almost completed, and the public was impatient. The Board met Monday but took no action in the matter.

More than three years ago work on the aquarium was begun. It progressed slowly and it was a long time before anything was accomplished toward turning old Castle Garden into the finest aquarium in the United States. After the building was almost completed it was announced one day that the dome let in too much light. So the galleries and the dome were overhauled and reconstructed.

There are fifty-six gallery tanks, thirty-six floor tanks, and seven large pools. There are, besides, several reserve tanks in which the new fish may be kept until placed on exhibition. The aquarium now contains a very fine display of members of the finny tribe. The collection of trout is especially good. There are brook and lake trout, brown trout, land-locked salmon from Maine, and golden trout from Sunapee Lake, New Hampshire, the first ever placed on exhibition. Other tanks contain anglers, drums, curious crabs and lobsters, porgies, striped bass weighing twelve pounds, sea-ravens, sculpins, conger eels, eels-pout, skates, sturgeon, sharks, seals, loggerhead turtles, horseshoe crabs, hermit crabs and many other splendid specimens.

Commissioner Stiles said yesterday: "Yes, we will probably open the aquarium Monday or Tuesday. I cannot say exactly when, as there may be another hitch some place. The aquarium will not be open on Sundays for some time, as we have no money to pay for extra help on Sundays. And then we need another day out of the week for making repairs, so the aquarium will be open only five days of the week." The announcement that the aquarium will not be open on Sundays has caused considerable comment, as that is the one day of the week when the public would visit in the greatest numbers.